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## Spectral synthesis for Euler type operators

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Let  $A=(a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^k$  be a square matrix. The operator

$$D_A = \sum_{i,j=1}^k a_{ij} z_j \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$$

is called an Euler type operator generated by the matrix  $A$ .

In this paper conditions are obtained on the matrix  $A$  and the domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$ , under which any closed invariant subspace  $W$  of the space  $H(U)$  admits a spectral synthesis, i.e. eigen- and associated functions of the operator  $D_A$  which belong to  $W$  form a complete system on it.

### § I. Holomorphic dependence of functions

Let  $U$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}^k$ ;  $H(U)$  will denote the space of holomorphic functions in  $U$  with the uniform convergence topology on the compact subsets. For a compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{C}^r$ ,  $H(K)$  will denote the space of germs of the holomorphic functions in  $K$  with the inductive limit topology (see [5, p. 17]).

Let us consider the system  $\varphi(t) = ((\varphi_1(t), \dots, \varphi_r(t)))$  of complex functions on the ray  $t \leq 0$ . Denote by  $M(\varphi)$  the closure of the set  $\{\varphi(t): t \leq 0\}$  in the space  $\mathbb{C}^r$ . We say that the system  $\varphi(t)$  is holomorphically independent if there exists no function  $h$  different from zero and holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $M(\varphi)$  such that  $h(\varphi(t)) = 0$  for all  $t \leq 0$ .

We state the basic result of this section.

**Theorem 1.** *Consider a system of exponential monomials  $p_i(t) = t^{m_i} \exp \lambda_i t$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , which are bounded on the ray  $t \leq 0$ . Then there exists a holomorphically independent system  $\varphi(t) = (\varphi_1(t), \dots, \varphi_r(t))$ ,  $t \leq 0$ , and a set of functions  $P_i \in H(M(\varphi))$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , such that for each  $i$  we have  $p_i(t) = P_i(\varphi(t))$ ,  $t \leq 0$ . Moreover, if all  $m_i = 0$ , then  $\varphi_j(t) = \exp \mu_j t$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_j > 0$ , while in the opposite case  $\varphi_1(t) = t \exp \mu_1 t$ ,  $\varphi_j(t) = \exp \mu_{j-1} t$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, r+1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_1 > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_j \geq 0$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, r$ .*

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For the proof of this theorem we need some auxiliary results.

**Lemma 1.** *Assume the conditions of Theorem 1 are fulfilled. Then there exists a system of complex numbers  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r \in \{\operatorname{Re} \mu \geq 0\}$ , which is linearly independent over the field  $Q$ , such that the representations*

$$\lambda_i = \sum_{j=1}^r d_{ij} \mu_j, \quad d_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad j = 1, \dots, r,$$

hold and the conditions

- a)  $(\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i = 0, \operatorname{Re} \mu_j > 0) \Rightarrow d_{ij} = 0,$
- b)  $(\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0, \operatorname{Re} \mu_j > 0) \Rightarrow d_{ij} \geq m_i$

are fulfilled.

**Proof.** The boundedness of the functions  $t^{m_i} \exp \lambda_i t$  on the ray  $t \leq 0$  implies that  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i \geq 0$ , and  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0$  if  $m_i > 0$ . First we assume that  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0$  for all  $i$  and  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r\}$  is a maximal linearly independent subsystem of the system  $\{\lambda_i: i=1, \dots, n\}$ . In this case

$$(1) \quad \lambda_i = \sum_{j=1}^r b_{ij} \lambda_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $b_{ij} \in Q$ . Let us introduce the matrices

$$B = (b_{ij})_{i=1; j=1}^n, \quad A(\varepsilon) = (\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i (1 + \varepsilon \delta_{ij}))_{i,j=1}^r,$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  denotes the Kronecker function.

Since  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0$ , representation (1) implies that the entries of the matrix  $BA(0)$  are positive, therefore the entries of the matrix  $BA(\varepsilon)$  are also positive for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$ . The determinant of the matrix  $A(\varepsilon)$  is a nonzero polynomial of  $\varepsilon$ ; consequently, for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon \neq 0$  the matrix  $A(\varepsilon)$  is invertible. For such an  $\varepsilon$ , let us set

$$A^{-1}(\varepsilon) = (\kappa_{ij}(\varepsilon))_{i,j=1}^r.$$

We have

$$\sum_{j=1}^r \kappa_{ij}(\varepsilon) (1 + \varepsilon \delta_{ij}) \operatorname{Re} \lambda_j = \delta_{ii},$$

and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \kappa_{ij}(\varepsilon) (1 + \varepsilon \delta_{ij}) \operatorname{Re} \lambda_j &= \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^r \kappa_{ij}(\varepsilon) (1 + \varepsilon \delta_{ij}) \operatorname{Re} \lambda_j = \\ &= (r + \varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^r \kappa_{ij}(\varepsilon) \operatorname{Re} \lambda_j = 1, \end{aligned}$$

so that the entries of the matrix  $A^{-1}(\varepsilon)A(0)$  are positive.



Thus, we have shown that, for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ , the entries of the matrices  $BA(\varepsilon)$ ,  $A^{-1}(\varepsilon)A(0)$  are positive. Varying the entries of the matrix  $A(\varepsilon)$  to sufficiently small values, we can find a matrix  $C = (c_{ij})_{i,j=1}^r$  such that  $c_{ij} \in Q$  and the entries of the matrices  $BC$ ,  $C^{-1}A(0)$  are positive. Put

$$BC = (d_{ij})_{i=1}^n, \quad C^{-1} = (\kappa_{ij})_{i,j=1}^r, \quad \mu_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_{ji} \lambda_i, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

Then  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_j > 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ ,

$$\lambda_i = \sum_{j=1}^r d_{ij} \mu_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad d_{ij} \in Q, \quad d_{ij} > 0.$$

Replacing the system  $\{\mu_j: j=1, \dots, r\}$  by the system  $\{\mu_j/m: j=1, \dots, r\}$ , where  $m$  is a sufficiently large integer, we obtain a system with the required properties.

Now we turn to the general case. Let us select subsystems  $M_1 \subset \{\lambda \in M: \operatorname{Re} \lambda = 0\}$  and  $M_2 \subset \{\lambda \in M: \operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0\}$  from the system  $M = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ , such that  $M_1$  forms a maximal linearly independent subsystem over  $Q$  of the system  $\{\lambda \in M: \operatorname{Re} \lambda = 0\}$ , and  $M_1 \cup M_2$  forms that of  $M$ . Any  $\lambda \in M$  admits the decomposition  $\lambda = \lambda' + \lambda''$  where  $\lambda'$  and  $\lambda''$  belong to the linear spans over  $Q$  of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , respectively. From what we have proved above it follows that we can find a linearly independent system  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_j > 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , over  $Q$  such that if  $\lambda_i \in M$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0$ , then

$$\lambda_i'' = \sum_{j=1}^r d_{ij} \mu_j, \quad d_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad d_{ij} \geq m_i.$$

Dividing the elements of  $M_1$  by a sufficiently large integer, we obtain a system  $\mu_{r+1}, \dots, \mu_k$  for which the numbers  $\lambda'$  are expanded with integral coefficients. It is easy to see that the system  $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k\}$  satisfies all requirements of Lemma 1.

Set

$$\varphi_j(t) = e^{\mu_j t}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \quad P_i(w) = \prod_{j=1}^r w_j^{d_{ij}}, \quad w \in \mathbb{C}^r$$

if all  $m_i = 0$ , and set

$$\varphi_1(t) = te^{\mu_1 t}, \quad \varphi_j(t) = e^{\mu_j t}, \quad j = 2, \dots, r+1, \quad P_i(w) = w_1^{m_i} w_2^{c_{i1} - m_i} \prod_{j=3}^{r+1} w_j^{d_{ij} - 1}$$

otherwise.

In order to complete the proof of Theorem 1, it suffices to show that the system  $\varphi(t)$  is holomorphically independent. This follows from the following.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\alpha_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\alpha_n \geq 0$ ,  $\beta_n \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $n = 1, \dots$ , let the pairs  $(\alpha_n, \beta_n)$  be different for different  $n$ -s, let the set  $\{\operatorname{Re} \beta_n \leq b\}$  be finite for all  $b$ , and finally suppose that there exists  $c > 0$  such that  $\alpha_n \leq c \operatorname{Re} \beta_n$  for all  $n$ . If the sequence  $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is such



that, for  $t \leq t_0 \leq 0$ , the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n t^{\alpha_n} e^{\beta_n t}$$

converges absolutely to 0, then  $a_n = 0$ ,  $n = 1, \dots$

Proof. Assume that the statement of the lemma fails, and set

$$\beta = \min \{\operatorname{Re} \beta_n : a_n \neq 0\}, \quad \alpha = \max \{\alpha_n : \operatorname{Re} \beta_n = \beta, a_n \neq 0\}.$$

Since the set  $\{\operatorname{Re} \beta_n\}$  is discrete, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} \beta_n \geq \beta + \delta$  if  $\operatorname{Re} \beta_n > \beta$ . For  $c_1 = (c\beta - \alpha)\delta^{-1} + c$ , the inequality

$$(\alpha_n - \alpha) \leq c_1 (\operatorname{Re} \beta_n - \beta)$$

holds if  $a_n \neq 0$ .

Let us fix an  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists a number  $t_1 \leq t_0$  such that, for  $t \leq t_1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta_n = \beta$ ,  $\alpha_n < \alpha$ , we have

$$(\alpha_n - \alpha)(\ln |t| - \ln |t_0|) \leq \ln \varepsilon,$$

and for  $\operatorname{Re} \beta_n > \beta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_n - \alpha)(\ln |t| - \ln |t_0|) + (\operatorname{Re} \beta_n - \beta)(t - t_0) &\leq c_1 (\operatorname{Re} \beta_n - \beta)(\ln |t| - \ln |t_0|) + \\ &+ (\operatorname{Re} \beta_n - \beta)(t - t_0) = (\operatorname{Re} \beta_n - \beta)[c_1(\ln |t| - \ln |t_0|) + (t - t_0)] \leq \ln \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

For  $t \leq t_1$  we obtain

$$|t^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta t} \sum_{(\alpha_n, \operatorname{Re} \beta_n) \neq (\alpha, \beta)} a_n t^{\alpha_n} e^{\beta_n t}| \leq \varepsilon |t_0^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta t_0}| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n t_0^{\alpha_n} e^{\beta_n t_0}|.$$

So, we have shown that

$$(2) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} [t^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta t} \sum_{(\alpha_n, \operatorname{Re} \beta_n) = (\alpha, \beta)} a_n t^{\alpha_n} e^{\beta_n t}] = 0.$$

The function inside the brackets is almost periodic on the real axis and according to (2),  $a_n = 0$  follows for  $(\alpha_n, \operatorname{Re} \beta_n) \neq (\alpha, \beta)$  (see [7, pp. 239—250]). This contradicts our assumption.

Corollary. Let  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_p \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_1 > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_j \leq 0$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, p$ , and let the system  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_p$  be linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then the system of functions

$$\varphi_1(t) = t \exp \mu_1 t, \quad \varphi_j(t) = \exp \mu_{j-1} t, \quad j = 2, \dots, p+1,$$

is holomorphically independent.

Proof. By virtue of Kronecker's theorem (see [2, p. 314]), the set  $M(\varphi)$  contains a subset  $\{(w_1, \dots, w_{p+1})\}$  such that  $|w_i| = 0$  if  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_i > 0$ , and  $|w_i| = 1$  if  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_i = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p+1$ . So, the functions  $h \in H(M(\varphi))$  can be expanded into a Laurent series

$$h(w) = \sum a_\alpha w^\alpha$$

in a neighbourhood of this set. Let the function  $h$  be equal to zero on  $M(\varphi)$ . Then there exists  $t_0 \leq 0$  such that, for  $t \leq t_0$ , the series

$$\sum a_\alpha t^{\alpha_1} e^{2\mu t}, \quad \alpha\mu = \alpha_1\mu_1 + \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_{j+1}\mu_j,$$

converges absolutely to zero. We shall show that this series satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.

The set  $\{\operatorname{Re} \alpha\mu \leq b\}$  is finite, since

$$\operatorname{Re} \alpha\mu \geq \left( \sum_{j=1}^{p+1} \alpha_j \right) \min_{\operatorname{Re} \mu_j \neq 0} \operatorname{Re} \mu_j.$$

The pairs  $(\alpha_1, \alpha\mu)$  are different by virtue of the linear independence of the system  $\{\mu_2, \dots, \mu_p\}$ , and the number  $c = (\operatorname{Re} \mu_1)^{-1}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\alpha_1 \leq c \operatorname{Re} \alpha\mu.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2,  $a_\alpha = 0$  and  $h \equiv 0$ .

Now, we prove the statement which allows us to construct holomorphically dependent systems of functions.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a domain of holomorphy,  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  be an arbitrary domain, the holomorphic mapping  $F: U \rightarrow D$  be proper, and  $m > k$ . Then there exists a function  $h \in H(D)$  such that  $h \neq 0$  and  $h \circ F \equiv 0$  on  $U$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $m > k$ , there exists a point  $w \in D$  such that  $w \notin F(U)$ . By a theorem of REMMERT [3, p. 55], the set  $F(U)$  is analytic in the domain  $D$ . Therefore, the set  $\{w\} \cup F(U)$  is also analytic. Every function, which is zero on the set  $F(U)$  and equals 1 at the point  $w$ , is analytic on the set  $\{w\} \cup F(U)$ . By a theorem of CARTAN [4, p. 313] there exists a function  $h \in H(D)$ ,  $h(w) = 1$ ,  $h \circ F \equiv 0$  on  $U$ . The lemma is proved.

**Example.** The system  $(te^t, e^{-at})$ ,  $a > 0$ , is holomorphically dependent. Indeed, the mapping  $F(w) = (we^w, e^{-aw})$  from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is proper: if

$$w_n \rightarrow \infty, \quad w_n \exp w_n \rightarrow \alpha, \quad \exp(-aw_n) \rightarrow \beta,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

$$(\exp w_n \rightarrow 0) \Rightarrow (\operatorname{Re} w_n \rightarrow -\infty) \Rightarrow (e^{-aw_n} \rightarrow \infty),$$

which is a contradiction.

From Lemma 3 we obtain that there exists a function  $h \in H(\mathbb{C}^2)$ ,  $h \neq 0$ , such that

$$h(we^w, e^{-aw}) = 0, \quad w \in \mathbb{C}.$$

## § 2. A Mittag-Leffler type theorem for invariant subspaces

In this section we show that any closed  $D_A$ -invariant subspace of the space  $H(U)$  admits a spectral synthesis, provided that for any point  $z \in U$  the closure of the set  $\{(\exp tA)z: t \leq 0\}$  is compact and lies in the domain  $U$ .

**Definition.** We call a domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$   $A$ -star like if for every  $z \in U$  the set  $\{(\exp tA)z: t \leq 0\}$  lies in the domain  $U$ . We call  $U$  *strongly*  $A$ -star like if the closures of these sets also lie in  $U$ .

The operator  $D_A$  admits the following representation.

**Lemma 4.** *If a function  $f$  belongs to  $H(U)$ , then*

$$(D_A^m f)(z) = \frac{\partial^m}{\partial t^m} \Big|_{t=0} f(e^{tA}z), \quad m \geq 0.$$

**Proof.** By definition,

$$(D_A f)(z) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_i} \right)_{i=1}^k A z,$$

therefore

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(e^{tA}z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} f(e^{(t+\tau)A}z) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_i} \right)_{i=1}^k e^{tA} A z = (D_A f)(e^{tA}z).$$

Arguing further by induction, the lemma will be proved.

**Corollary.** *Let  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  be an  $A$ -star like domain and  $W \subset H(U)$  be a closed  $D_A$ -invariant subspace. Then*

$$f \in W \Rightarrow f(e^{tA}z) \in W, \quad t \leq 0.$$

**Proof.** Let us consider an arbitrary linear continuous functional  $S$  on the space  $H(U)$  which annihilates the subspace  $W$ . There exists a measure  $\nu$  with compact support  $K \subset U$  such that for  $g \in H(U)$

$$\langle S, g \rangle = \int_K g(z) d\nu(z).$$

The function

$$\psi(h) = \int_K f(e^{hA}z) d\nu(z)$$

is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of the ray  $t \leq 0$ . Let us consider the derivatives of this function at zero:

$$\psi^{(m)}(0) = \int_K \frac{\partial^m}{\partial t^m} \Big|_{t=0} f(e^{tA}z) d\nu(z) = \int_K (D_A^m f)(z) d\nu(z) = \langle S, D_A^m f \rangle = 0.$$

Thus, for  $t \leq 0$ ,

$$\langle S, f(e^{tA}z) \rangle = 0.$$

By the Hahn—Banach theorem,  $f(e^{tA}z) \in W$ . The Corollary is proved.

Let us consider an arbitrary system  $\varphi(t) = (\varphi_1(t), \dots, \varphi_p(t))$  of bounded continuous functions on  $(-\infty, 0]$  and a quadratic matrix  $E(w)$  of order  $k$ , whose entries are holomorphic in a domain  $\sigma \supset M(\varphi)$  and such that  $E(\varphi(t)) = \exp tA$ ,  $t \leq 0$ .

For a strongly  $A$ -star like domain  $U$  and a compact set  $K \subset U$ , put

$$(U, K) = \{w \in \sigma: E(w)K \subset U\}.$$

This set is open and contains the compact set  $M(\varphi)$ . Indeed, for any point  $w \in M(\varphi)$  there exists a sequence  $\{t_n\}$ ,  $t_n \leq 0$  such that  $\varphi(t_n) \rightarrow w$ . Therefore, for  $z \in U$  we have

$$E(w)z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(\varphi(t_n))z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{t_n A} z \in U$$

because the domain  $U$  is strongly  $A$ -star like.

To an arbitrary functional  $T \in H^*(M(\varphi))$  there corresponds an operator  $\tilde{T}$  acting on the space  $H(U)$  such that

$$(\tilde{T}f)(z) = \langle T, f(E(w)z) \rangle.$$

If  $K \subset U$  is compact, then the function  $f(E(w)z)$  is holomorphic with respect to the variable  $w$  on the set  $(U, K)$  and with respect to  $z$  in the interior of the compact set  $K$ . Thus, the function  $\tilde{T}f$  is holomorphic on  $U$ .

Assume that the system of functions  $T_n \in H^*(M(\varphi))$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , has the uniqueness property

$$(h \in H(M(\varphi)), \langle T_n, h \rangle = 0, \forall n \geq 1) \Rightarrow h \equiv 0.$$

In this case the following result is valid.

**Lemma 5.** *There exists a system consisting of the numbers  $e_{nm} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, n$ , such that for any strongly  $A$ -star like domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  and function  $f \in H(U)$  we have*

$$f(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n e_{nm} (\tilde{T}f)(z).$$

*The convergence is meant in the topology of the space  $H(U)$ .*

**Proof.** The space of the germs of holomorphic functions on the compact set  $H(M(\varphi))$  is an  $(\mathcal{L}N^*)$  space (see [6], [5, p. 18]); moreover, its dual  $H^*(M(\varphi))$  is an  $(M^*)$  space, and consequently, it is metrizable and reflexive.

The system  $\{T_n\}$  is complete in the space  $H^*(M(\varphi))$  by virtue of the uniqueness property and the Hahn—Banach theorem. Therefore, for the functional  $T_0 \in$



$\in H^*(M(\varphi))$ ,  $\langle T_0, h \rangle = h(\varphi(0))$  and there exists a sequence  $e_{nm} \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n e_{nm} T_m = T_0$$

in the topology of the space  $H^*(M(\varphi))$ , i.e. uniformly on any bounded set of the space  $H(M(\varphi))$ . If  $K \subset U$  is compact, then the set of functions  $\{f(E(w)z): z \in K\}$  of the variable  $w$  is bounded on the space  $H(M(\varphi))$ , so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n e_{nm} \langle T_n, f(E(w)z) \rangle = f(E(\varphi(0)z)) = f(z)$$

uniformly on  $K$ . The lemma is proved.

**Corollary.** Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0$ ,  $i=1, \dots, k$ . Then there exists a sequence  $e_{n\alpha}$  ( $\alpha$ -multiindex of order  $k$ ) such that for any domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  with the properties

a)  $0 \in U$ ,

b)  $z \in U$ ,  $t \leq 0 \Rightarrow (e^{\lambda_1 t} z_1, \dots, e^{\lambda_k t} z_k) \in U$ ,

and for any function  $f \in H(U)$  the representation

$$f(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq n} e_{n\alpha} f^{(\alpha)}(0) z^\alpha$$

holds in the topology of the space  $H(U)$ .

**Proof.** Set  $\varphi(t) = (\exp \lambda_1 t, \dots, \exp \lambda_k t)$ ,  $A = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ ,  $E(w) = \operatorname{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_k)$ ,  $\langle T_\alpha, h \rangle = h^{(\alpha)}(0)$ . Then the domain  $U$  with the properties a) and b) is strongly  $A$ -star like,  $(\tilde{T}_\alpha f)(z) = f^{(\alpha)}(0) z^\alpha$ , and the statement follows from Lemma 5.

**Remark.** For  $k=1$ , the converse result is also valid (see [1, p. 38]).

**Lemma 6.** Let the system  $\varphi(t)$  be holomorphically independent and the domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  be strongly  $A$ -star like. Then for any functional  $T \in H^*(M(\varphi))$  and closed  $D_A$ -invariant subspace  $W \in H(U)$ , the operator  $\tilde{T}$  maps  $W$  into  $W$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be an element of  $W$  and suppose that the functional  $S \in H^*(U)$  annihilates the space  $W$ . There exists a measure  $\nu$  with compact support  $K \subset U$  such that, for  $g \in H(U)$ ,

$$\langle S, g \rangle = \int_K g(z) d\nu(z).$$

The function

$$h(w) = \int_K f(E(w)z) d\nu(z)$$



is holomorphic on the set  $(U, K)$  and, according to Lemma 4, the equality

$$h(\varphi(t)) = 0, \quad t \leq 0,$$

is fulfilled. Therefore,  $h(w)=0$  in a connected component containing the set  $M(\varphi)$ . Using Fubini's theorem, we obtain

$$\langle S, Tf(E(w)z) \rangle = 0.$$

By the Hahn—Banach theorem,  $\tilde{T}f \in W$ . The lemma is proved.

Assume that the entries of the matrix  $\exp tA$  are bounded for  $t \leq 0$ , that is, they are linear combinations of the functions  $t^{m_i} \exp \lambda_i t$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i \geq 0$ , and if  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i \geq 0$ , then  $m_i = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . For definiteness we will assume that not all the  $m_i$  are zero. By Theorem 1, there exists a holomorphically independent system of functions  $\varphi(t) = (t \exp \mu_1 t, \exp \mu_1 t, \exp \mu_2 t, \dots, \exp \mu_r t)$  and a quadratic matrix  $E(w)$  of order  $k$  with entries in the set  $H(M(\varphi))$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} \mu_1 > 0, \dots, \operatorname{Re} \mu_p > 0, \operatorname{Re} \mu_{p+1} = 0, \dots, \operatorname{Re} \mu_r = 0$  and  $E(\varphi(t)) = \exp tA$ .

Since the system  $\mu_{p+1}, \dots, \mu_r$  is linearly independent over  $\mathcal{Q}$ , it follows from Kronecker's theorem that  $M(\varphi)$  contains the set

$$(3) \quad \prod_{j=0}^p \{0\} \times \prod_{j=p+1}^r \{|w_j| = 1\}.$$

An arbitrary function  $h \in H(M(\varphi))$  can be expanded into a Laurent series

$$h(w) = \sum \langle T_\alpha, h \rangle w^\alpha$$

in a neighbourhood of the set (3), where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$  is a multiindex,  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$  are nonnegative integers, and  $\alpha_{p+1}, \dots, \alpha_r$  are integers. The functionals  $T_\alpha$  belong to the space  $H^*(M(\varphi))$  and form a complete system in it, because  $M(\varphi)$  is a connected compact set.

For the functionals  $T_\alpha$  the following result is valid.

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  be a strongly  $A$ -star like domain and  $f \in H(U)$ . Then, for any multiindex  $\alpha$ , the function  $\tilde{T}_\alpha f$  is a root function of the operator  $D_A$ .*

**Proof.** Let us consider an arbitrary point  $z_0$  in  $U$  and let  $K$  be the closure of the set  $\{(\exp tA)z_0: t \leq 0\}$ . By virtue of the conditions on the matrix  $A$  and the domain  $U$ ,  $K$  is compact and lies in  $U$ .

For  $z \in K$ , the function  $f(E(w)z)$  can be expanded into a Laurent series with respect to the variable  $w$  in a neighbourhood  $G$  of the set (3) as follows

$$f(E(w)z) = \sum (\tilde{T}_\beta f)(z) w^\beta, \quad z \in K, \quad w \in G;$$

There exists  $\tau_0 \leq 0$  such that, for  $\tau \leq \tau_0$ , the point  $\varphi(t)$  belongs to the set  $G$ , and consequently,

$$f(e^{\tau A} z) = \sum (\tilde{T}_\beta f)(z) \tau^{\beta_1} e^{\beta_2 \mu \tau}, \quad z \in K, \quad \tau \leq \tau_0,$$

where

$$\beta\mu = (\beta_1 + \beta_2)\mu_1 + \beta_3\mu_2 + \dots + \beta_{r+1}\mu_r.$$

Since for  $t \leq 0$  we have  $(\exp tA)z_0 \in K$ , it follows that on the one hand,

$$f(e^{(\tau+t)A}z_0) = f(e^{\tau A}e^{tA}z_0) = \sum (\tilde{T}_\beta f)(e^{tA}z_0)\tau^{\beta_1}e^{\beta\mu\tau}$$

and, on the other hand,

$$f(e^{(\tau+t)A}z_0) = \sum (\tilde{T}_\beta f)(z_0)(\tau+t)^{\beta_1}e^{\beta\mu(\tau+t)}.$$

The absolute convergence of the last series implies the absolute convergence of the series

$$\sum (\tilde{T}_\beta f)(z_0) \binom{\beta_1}{S} \tau^{\beta_1-S} t^S e^{\beta\mu(\tau+t)}.$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $\tau^{\alpha_1} \exp \alpha\mu\tau$  in the two expansions of the function  $f((\exp(\tau+t)A)t_0)$  and using Lemma 2 yields

$$(\tilde{T}_\alpha f)(e^{tA}z_0) = \sum_{S=0}^{\alpha_2} \binom{\alpha_1+S}{S} (\tilde{T}_{(\alpha_1+S, \alpha_2-S, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_{r+1})} f)(z_0) t^S e^{\alpha\mu t}.$$

Hence, according to Lemma 4, we have

$$D_A \tilde{T}_\alpha = (\alpha_1 + 1) \tilde{T}_{(\alpha_1+1, \alpha_2-1, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_{r+1})} + \alpha\mu \tilde{T}_\alpha \quad \text{if } \alpha_2 > 0,$$

and

$$D_A \tilde{T}_\alpha = \alpha\mu \tilde{T}_\alpha \quad \text{if } \alpha_2 = 0.$$

Thus,

$$(D_A - \alpha\mu I)^{\alpha_2+1} \tilde{T}_\alpha = 0,$$

where  $I: H(U) \rightarrow H(U)$  is the identity operator. The lemma is proved.

Summing up what has been proved in the last three lemmas we can deduce the following.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A$  be a quadratic matrix of order  $k$  such that the entries of the matrix  $\exp tA$  are bounded on the ray  $t \leq 0$ . Then there exists a linear continuous operator  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  on the space of the functions holomorphic on the strongly  $A$ -star like domains of  $\mathbb{C}^k$  and there exists a sequence of numbers  $e_{n\alpha}$  such that, for any strongly  $A$ -star like domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  and closed  $D_A$ -invariant subspace  $W$  of the space  $H(U)$ , the representation*

$$f \in W \Rightarrow f(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq n} e_{n\alpha} \mathcal{L}_\alpha f$$

*is valid in the topology of  $H(U)$ . The function  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha f$  also belongs to  $W$  and is a root function of  $D_A$ .*

### § 3. Subspaces without spectral synthesis

In this section we present examples demonstrating the exactness of Theorem 2.

First, we shall show that, without the requirement of star-likeness of the domain  $U$ , possibly there exists no synthesis even for  $k=1$ .

Let the domain be defined by  $U = \mathbb{C} \setminus (\{\operatorname{Im} z = 0, \operatorname{Re} z \geq 1\} \cup \{\operatorname{Im} z \geq 0, \operatorname{Re} z = 1\})$  and the space by

$$W = \{f \in H(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1, -1\}) : f(z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty, \text{ and } f(-z) = f(z)\}.$$

The space  $W$  is closed in the space  $H(U)$  since the functions in  $W$  are even and the sections of  $U$  are nonsymmetric. If  $f \in W$ , then  $zf'(z) \in W$ .

In  $W$  there is no eigenfunction for the operator  $z\partial/\partial z$  because if  $g \in W$  and  $zg'(z) = \lambda g(z)$  for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then the expansion of  $g$  in a neighbourhood of zero implies that  $g$  is an entire function, and consequently, it is identically zero.

We shall give an example which shows the importance of the condition of strongly star-likeness.

Let  $A$  be a diagonal matrix of second order with eigenvalues 1 and  $i$ ,  $U$  be the domain  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})^2$ . If  $z \in U$ , then  $(\exp tA)z \in U$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Let us consider the space

$$W = \{g \in H(U) : g(e^t, e^{it}) = 0, t \in \mathbb{C}\}.$$

This is a closed subspace of  $H(U)$  and invariant for the operator  $D_A$ . The mapping  $h: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow U$ ,  $h(t) = (e^t, e^{it})$  is proper, therefore Lemma 3 implies that the space  $W$  is nontrivial. However, there is no eigenfunction for the operator  $D_A$  in  $W$ . Indeed, let  $D_A g = \lambda g$  be valid for some  $g \in W$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Consider the expansion of  $g$  into a Laurent series

$$g(z) = \sum a_\alpha z^\alpha$$

and apply the operator  $D_A$ . We obtain that  $(\alpha_1 + i\alpha_2 - \lambda)a_\alpha = 0$  for all  $\alpha$ , therefore  $g(z) = a_{\alpha_0} z^{\alpha_0}$  with certain integers  $\alpha_1^0$  and  $\alpha_2^0$ , but we have  $a_{\alpha_0} = 0$  since  $g \in W$ .

Theorem 2 implies that if for a quadratic matrix  $A$  of order  $k$  there exists  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$ , such that the entries of the set of matrices  $\{\exp t\gamma A : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  are uniformly bounded, then any closed  $D_A$ -invariant subspace of  $H(\mathbb{C}^k)$  admits a spectral synthesis. The converse result is also valid.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $A$  be a quadratic matrix of order  $k$  such that for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$ , the entries of the set of matrices  $\{\exp t\gamma A : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  are not uniformly bounded. Then there exists a closed  $D_A$ -invariant nontrivial subspace of  $H(\mathbb{C}^k)$  without any eigenfunction of  $D_A$ .*

**Proof.** We may assume that  $A$  has a Jordan form. First we examine the following cases:

1)  $k = 2$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . We take

$$W = \{g(z_2)e^{z_1}: g \in H(\mathbb{C})\}.$$

For a function  $f$  in  $W$  we have  $(D_A f)(z) = z_2 f(z)$  and this implies that there exists no eigenfunction in  $W$ .

2)  $k = 3$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b\lambda \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

If  $b$  is an irrational number, then set

$$W = \{f \in H(\mathbb{C}^3): f(te^{\lambda t}, e^{\lambda t}, e^{-b\lambda t}) = 0, t \in \mathbb{C}\}.$$

The mapping

$$h: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3, \quad h(w) = (we^{\lambda w}, e^{\lambda w}, e^{-b\lambda w})$$

is proper. Therefore, by Lemma 3,  $W$  is a nontrivial space.

We shall find the eigenfunctions of  $D_A$ . Let  $g \in H(\mathbb{C}^3)$ ,

$$g(z) = \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 0} a_\alpha z^\alpha, \quad D_A g = \mu g.$$

The Taylor coefficients satisfy the relations

$$(\mu - \lambda\alpha_1 + b\lambda\alpha_3)a_{\alpha_1 0 \alpha_3} = 0,$$

$$(\mu - \lambda\alpha_1 - \lambda\alpha_2 + b\lambda\alpha_3)a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3} - (\alpha_1 - 1)a_{\alpha_1 + 1 \alpha_2 - 1 \alpha_3} = 0.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$(\mu - \lambda\alpha_1 - \lambda\alpha_2 + b\lambda\alpha_3)^{\alpha_2} a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3} = \frac{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)!}{\alpha_1!} a_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 0 \alpha_3},$$

$$\alpha_1! a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3} = (\mu - \lambda\alpha_1 - \lambda\alpha_2 + b\lambda\alpha_3)^{\alpha_1} a_{0 \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3}.$$

If  $\lambda\alpha_1 + \lambda\alpha_2 - b\lambda\alpha_3 \neq \mu$  or  $\lambda\alpha_1 + \lambda\alpha_2 - b\lambda\alpha_3 = \mu$  and  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ , then it follows from the above mentioned equalities that  $\alpha_2 = 0$ . Since  $b$  is an irrational number, there exists at most one pair  $(\alpha_2, \alpha_3)$  such that  $\lambda\alpha_2 - b\lambda\alpha_3 = \mu$ . Thus,

$$g(z) = cz_2^{\alpha_2} z_3^{\alpha_3}.$$

The function  $g$  belongs to  $W$  only in the case if  $c = 0$ .

Let now  $b$  be a rational number,  $b = p/q$  where  $p, q$  are positive integers. If we set

$$W = \{g(z_2^p z_3^q) e^{z_1 z_2^{p-1} z_3^q}: g \in H(\mathbb{C})\},$$

then using Lemma 4, for  $f \in W$  we obtain

$$(D_A f)(z) = z_2^p z_3^q f(z).$$

This implies that  $W$  is  $D_A$ -invariant and does not contain eigenfunctions for  $D_A$ .



3)  $k=3$  and the origin is an inner point of the convex hull of the set of eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3\}$  for the matrix  $A$ . If the system  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then set

$$W = \{f \in H(\mathbb{C}^3): f(e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}, e^{\lambda_3 t}) = 0\}.$$

Arguing as in Section 2) it can be proved that this space satisfies the conditions of the theorem.

Let now the system  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  be linearly dependent,  $k_1 \lambda_1 + k_2 \lambda_2 + k_3 \lambda_3 = 0$ , where  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  are integers. From the assumption on this system it follows that  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  differ from 0, are of the same sign, and we may assume that each of them is positive.

For  $W$  put

$$W = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{C}^3): f(e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}, e^{\lambda_3 t}) = 0, \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial z_1 \partial z_2 \partial z_3} \equiv 0 \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that this is a closed  $D_A$ -invariant space. We shall show that it contains nonzero functions. The mapping

$$h: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}), \quad h(w) = (e^{k_1 \lambda_1 w}, e^{k_2 \lambda_2 w}),$$

is proper because  $\lambda_1/\lambda_2 \notin \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, there exists a nonzero function  $\varphi \in H((\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}))$  for which

$$\varphi(\exp k_1 \lambda_1 w, \exp k_2 \lambda_2 w) = 0.$$

Let

$$\varphi(v_1, v_2) = \sum a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} v_1^{\alpha_1} v_2^{\alpha_2},$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are integers. Let us introduce the following entire functions of three variables:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(z) &= \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0} a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} z_1^{k_1 \alpha_1} z_2^{k_2 \alpha_2}, \quad f_2(z) = \sum_{\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2, \alpha_1 < 0} a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} z_1^{k_1(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)} z_3^{-k_3 \alpha_2}, \\ f_3(z) &= \sum_{\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2, \alpha_1 < 0} a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} z_2^{k_2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)} z_3^{-k_3 \alpha_2}. \end{aligned}$$

The function  $f = f_1 + f_2 + f_3$  differs from zero because at least one of its Taylor coefficients is nonzero and  $f \in W$ .

Let  $g \in W$ ,  $D_A g = \mu g$ . Expanding the function into a Taylor series and applying the operator  $D_A$ , we obtain

$$(\lambda_1 \alpha_1 + \lambda_2 \alpha_2 + \lambda_3 \alpha_3 - \mu) d_\alpha = 0,$$

where the  $d_\alpha$  are the Taylor coefficients. Since

$$\partial^3 g / \partial z_1 \partial z_2 \partial z_3 \equiv 0 \quad \text{we have} \quad \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 d_\alpha = 0.$$



From these two equalities we obtain that there exists no more than one index  $\alpha$  such that  $d_\alpha \neq 0$ . Thus,

$$g(z) = d_\alpha z^\alpha,$$

but this function belongs to  $W$  only if  $d_\alpha = 0$ .

One can examine analogously the case when  $k=4$ , the origin is an inner point of the convex hull of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$  of  $A$ , but is not an inner point of the convex hull of any three of these eigenvalues.

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### Спектральный синтез для операторов типа Эйлера

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Пусть  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^k$  — квадратная матрица  $k$ -того порядка,  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Сопоставим ей следующий дифференциальный оператор:

$$D_A = \sum_{i,j=1}^k a_{ij} z_j \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}.$$

В работе доказано: если матрица  $A$  и область  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^k$  таковы, что для любой точки  $Z \in U$  замыкание множества

$$\{e^{tA} z: t \leq 0\}$$

является компактом, лежащим в области  $U$ , то любое замкнутое  $D_A$ -инвариантное подпространство  $W$  пространства  $H(U)$  допускает спектральный синтез, то есть корневые функции оператора  $D_A$ , попавшие в пространство  $W$ , полны в нем.

Приведены примеры, показывающие точность этого результата.

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ОТДЕЛ ФИЗИКИ И МАТЕМАТИКИ БАШКИРСКОГО ФИЛИАЛА АН СССР

## On $p$ -Helson sets in $\mathbf{R}^n$

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In this work we are going to investigate the structure of  $p$ -Helson sets in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . A closed subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is said to be  $p$ -Helson if every continuous function defined on this set can be extended to a function of class  $A_p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . (Here  $A_p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  stands for the system of functions with  $p$ -summable Fourier series.) Historically, the first result concerning sets with this property is due to Helson who has proved that no interpolating set for  $A(\mathbf{R})$  can be the support of any measure with Fourier transform tending to zero at infinity. The theory of Helson sets for  $p=1$  has been rather completely elaborated up to now (for more details see [4]). It turned out that the arithmetical nature of sets has a great effect on their interpolating properties. Even though not every countable compact set is a Helson set. At the same time examples are known for Helson sets with relatively simple structure in spaces of dimension greater than one. The existence of Helson curves in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and  $\mathbf{R}^3$  was proved by KAHANE (cf. [4, Chapter VII. 9]). In [6] McGEHEE and WOODWARD constructed not only Helson curves in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  but even Helson  $k$ -manifolds in  $\mathbf{R}^{lk}$  ( $l \geq k+1$ ). This result was generalized by MÜLLER [7] by having given examples for Helson  $k$ -manifolds in any space  $\mathbf{R}^n$  ( $n \geq k+1$ ).

The results of the present work relate to the less elucidated case  $p > 1$ . It is not difficult to prove that every countable compact set is  $p$ -Helson for  $p > 1$ . It is much more complicated to determine which compact sets of measure zero are  $p$ -Helson. So, OLEVSKIĭ constructed a compact set of measure zero which is not  $p$ -Helson for any  $p < 2$  (see [8, Chapter IV]). In [9] OLEVSKIĭ stated a hypothesis on the connection between  $A_p$ -interpolating properties of sets and their metric characteristics expressed by the Hausdorff dimension. In this work  $p$ -Helson sets will be investigated from this aspect. We shall prove the following statement.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $E$  be a compact set of Hausdorff dimension  $2n/q_0$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Then  $E$  is  $p$ -Helson for every  $p > q_0/(q_0 - 1)$ .*

The metric estimate appearing in Theorem 1 is unimprovable, more exactly, the following is true.

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**Theorem 2.** *For every real number  $q_0 \geq 2$  and integer  $n \geq 1$  there exists a compact set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  of Hausdorff dimension  $2n/q_0$  such that  $E$  is not  $p$ -Helson for any  $p < q_0/(q_0 - 1)$ .*

Moreover, the condition of Theorem 1 is not necessary that a set be  $p$ -Helson. It was proved by the author in [2] that a polygon with finite break points, whose Hausdorff dimension is 1 in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , is a  $p$ -Helson set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for any  $p > 1$ . The same is true in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as well ( $n > 2$ ).

As for the simplicity of the structure of  $p$ -Helson sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , Theorem 3 will show that for every preassigned  $p_0 \in (1, 2)$  and  $n > 1$  a continuous curve can be constructed such that it is  $p$ -Helson for every  $p > p_0$  but is not  $p$ -Helson for  $p < p_0$ .

In the last part of the paper the relation between the classes  $A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $A_p(T^n)$  will be investigated. (Here  $T$  means the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .) For the case  $p = 1$  it was shown by WIENER (see [4, p. 20]) that if  $\text{supp } f \subset T$  then  $f$  belongs to the class  $A(\mathbb{R})$  exactly when  $f$  belongs to  $A(T)$ ; moreover, the condition concerning the strict inclusion of the support of  $f$  in the interval  $T$  cannot be weakened. In the case  $p > 1$  this inclusion is possibly not strict.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $p > 1$ ,  $\text{supp } f \subseteq T^n$ , and assume that  $g$  is an extension of  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $g$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic with respect to each coordinate. Then  $f \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if  $g \in A_p(T^n)$ .*

From Theorem 4 it follows that the statements of the first three theorems are true for  $A_p(T^n)$  as well.

Now we proceed with the proofs of our statements. We shall use the following notations:  $\hat{f}(y)$  stands for the Fourier transform of the function  $f(x)$ , that is,

$$\hat{f}(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-ixy} dx.$$

$M(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the Banach space of Borel measures of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm

$$\|\mu\| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |d\mu|.$$

$M(E)$  is the subspace of  $M(\mathbb{R}^n)$  consisting of those measures which are concentrated on  $E$ , and  $\hat{\mu}(y)$  means the Fourier transform of the measure  $\mu$ :

$$\hat{\mu}(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ixy} d\mu(x).$$

The sequence  $\{r_k(t)\}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq \infty$ ) denotes the Rademacher system, that is,

$$r_k(t) = \text{sgn} \sin 2^k \pi t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$



For a set  $G$ ,  $\chi_G(x)$  means the characteristic function of  $G$ , and  $|E|$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of the set  $E(\subset \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

We say that  $f \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $f \in A_p(T^n)$ ) if the Fourier transform of the function  $f$  is integrable on the  $p$ -th power.

For given  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq n$  we set

$$H_\alpha(E) = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \left( \inf_j \left( \sum_j |\text{diam } V_j|^\alpha \right) \right),$$

where the greatest lower bound is taken with respect to all those systems of neighbourhoods which satisfy the conditions  $E \subset \bigcup_j V_j$  and  $\text{diam } V_j < \varepsilon$ . The number

$$\dim E = \sup \{ \alpha : H_\alpha(E) > 0 \}$$

is called the Hausdorff dimension of the set  $E$ .

In the sequel we set  $q = p/(p-1)$  and  $C$  will denote constants, possibly different in different occurrences.

The following theorem was proved by SALEM (see [5, p. 106]).

**Theorem.** *If  $2 < q_0 < \infty$  and  $q > q_0$ , then there exist a closed set  $E \subset T$  satisfying the condition  $\dim E = 2/q_0$  and a nonzero positive measure  $\mu$  concentrated onto  $E$ , such that  $\hat{\mu} \in l^q(Z)$ .*

We shall also need the following result, which was established by the author in [2, Lemma 1].

**Proposition 1.** *Assume that there exists a measure  $\mu \in M(E)$  on the set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\|\hat{\mu}\|_q < \infty$  ( $q > 2$ ). Then  $E$  is not a  $p$ -Helson set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

In the case  $n=1$  and  $q_0 > 2$ , Theorem 2 immediately follows from these two statements and from Theorem 4 to be proved later.

In order to solve the analogous problems in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we have to form the direct product of sets:

$$E^{(n)} = E \times \dots \times E \subset \mathbb{R}^n,$$

and the corresponding direct product of measures:

$$\mu^{(n)} = \mu \otimes \dots \otimes \mu \in M(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Then

$$\text{supp } \mu^{(n)} \subseteq E^{(n)},$$

$$\|\hat{\mu}^{(n)}\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|\hat{\mu}\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R})}^n < \infty, \quad q > q_0,$$

and the set  $E^{(n)}$  will not be  $p$ -Helson for  $p < p_0$ . In addition,

$$\dim E^{(n)} = n(\dim E) = 2n/q_0.$$

For  $q_0=2$  we take the pair:  $E=T^n$  and the Lebesgue measure  $\mu$  on  $T^n$ .

To prove Theorem 3 a construction will be described by the aid of which a new proof can be given for Salem's theorem.

Let us introduce the constant

$$\beta_p(E) = \inf \|\hat{\chi}_G\|_p,$$

where the lower bound is taken with respect to all open sets  $G$  containing  $E$ .

It was shown in [2, Lemma 2] that if the constant  $\beta_{p'}(E)$  is equal to zero for some  $p' < p$ , then  $E$  is a  $p$ -Helson set on the plane. A noncomplicated transfer of the proof of this result to the  $n$ -dimensional case gives the following

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $E$  be a compact set in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that for some reals  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and  $p' \in (1, p)$*

$$\beta_{p'}(E) = 0$$

*holds. Then  $E$  is a  $p$ -Helson set in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .*

By an elementary cube of rank  $s$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  we shall mean an object of the form

$$\prod_{l=1}^n \left[ \frac{k^{(l)}}{2^s}, \frac{k^{(l)}+1}{2^s} \right],$$

where every  $k^{(l)}$  is an integer ( $l=1, \dots, n$ ).

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\{\Delta_j\}$  be a collection of elementary  $n$ -dimensional cubes with disjoint inner parts and let  $r_s$  denote the number of cubes of rank  $s$  in  $\{\Delta_j\}$ . Then, for every  $p \in (1, 2)$ , we have*

$$\left\| \sum_j \hat{\chi}_{\Delta_j} \right\|_p < C \sum_s r_s^{1/2} 2^{-ns/q},$$

where  $C$  is a constant depending only on  $p$ .

**Proof.** Let us select the cubes of rank  $s$  from  $\{\Delta_j\}$ , and denote them by  $\delta_j$ :

$$\delta_j = \prod_{l=1}^n \left[ \frac{k_j^{(l)}}{2^s}, \frac{k_j^{(l)}+1}{2^s} \right].$$

Let  $Q_l$  ( $l=(l_1, \dots, l_n)$ ) denote the cube in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with edges parallel to the coordinate axes, with sides  $2^{s+1}\pi$  and midpoint  $x^{(l)}$ , where

$$x_j^{(l)} = 2^s \pi (2|l_j| - 1) \operatorname{sgn} l_j, \quad l_j = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Introducing the function

$$\chi_s(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{r_s} \chi_{\delta_j}(x),$$



we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\hat{\lambda}_s\|_{L_p(Q_i)} &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r_s} \exp(-i \sum_{m=1}^n k_j^{(m)} y_m 2^{-s}) \prod_{m=1}^n (\exp(-i y_m 2^{-s}) - 1) / y_m \right\|_{L_p(Q_i)} \leq \\
 &\leq \left\| \prod_{m=1}^n (\exp(-i y_m 2^{-s}) - 1) / y_m \right\|_{C(Q_i)} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r_s} \exp(-i \sum_{m=1}^n k_j^{(m)} y_m 2^{-s}) \right\|_{L_p(Q_i)} \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{C}{2^{ns} \prod_{m=1}^n |l_m|} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r_s} \exp(-i \sum_{m=1}^n k_j^{(m)} y_m) \right\|_{L_p(T^n)} 2^{ns/p}; \\
 (1) \quad \|\hat{\lambda}_s\|_{L_p(Q_i)} &\leq C r_s^{1/2} 2^{-ns/q} \prod_{m=1}^n |l_m|^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (1) with respect to all  $Q_i$  we get

$$\|\hat{\lambda}_s\|_p = \left( \sum_i C r_s^{p/2} 2^{-nsp/q} \prod_{m=1}^n |l_m|^{-p} \right)^{1/p} = C r_s^{1/2} 2^{-ns/q}.$$

Then

$$\left\| \sum_j \hat{\lambda}_{\Delta_j} \right\| \leq \sum_s \|\hat{\lambda}_s\|_p \leq C \sum_s r_s^{1/2} 2^{-ns/q},$$

and Lemma 1 is proved.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Without restricting generality we can assume that  $E$  is included in the unit cube of the space  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . We first remark that  $q_0$  cannot be less than 2 since the Hausdorff dimension of sets in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  does not exceed  $n$ . The case  $q_0=2$  is also evident since for  $p \geq 2$  every compact set in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is  $p$ -Helson. Hence, let  $q_0 > 2$ , and let us given arbitrary  $p \in (p_0, 2)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\alpha \in (2n/q_0, 2n/q)$ . From the definition of Hausdorff dimension it follows that there exists a covering  $\{V_j\}$  of the set  $E$  such that

$$d_j = \text{diam } V_j \leq 1 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots), \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} d_j^\alpha < \varepsilon.$$

If  $k_j = [\log_2 d_j]$ , then  $V_j$  belongs to the union of  $m_j (\leq 2^n)$  elementary cubes of rank  $k_j$ . Let us denote these cubes by  $\Delta_{jl}$  ( $l=1, \dots, m_j$ ), and consider the union

$$D = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \bigcup_{l=1}^{m_j} \Delta_{jl} \right).$$

Let  $r_s$  be the number of cubes of rank  $s$  in  $D$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad E &\subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j \subset D, \\
 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} r_s 2^{-\alpha s n} &< \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{n+\alpha} d_j^\alpha < 2^{n+\alpha} \varepsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

whence  $r_s < C\varepsilon 2^{\alpha s n}$ . Then

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} r_s^{1/2} 2^{-ns/q} < C\varepsilon^{1/2} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} 2^{\sqrt{s}n(\alpha/2-1/q)} = C\varepsilon^{1/2},$$

and the estimate of Lemma 1 yields that

$$(3) \quad \|\hat{\chi}_D\|_p < C\varepsilon^{1/2}.$$

Taking into account that  $\varepsilon$  and  $p$  were arbitrary points in the corresponding intervals, (2) and (3) mean that  $\beta_p(E)=0$  for  $p > p_0$ . Application of Proposition 2 completes the proof of the theorem.

The following two simple lemmas are of technical feature.

We shall need the Hinchin inequality

$$A'_p \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j r_j(t) \right\|_{L_p[0,1]} \leq A_p \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty.$$

**Lemma 2.** *There exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that for every real  $q \in [1, \infty)$ , integer  $m > M$ , and sequence  $\{k_j\}$  ( $j=1, \dots, m$ ) of numbers one can find a collection of signs  $\{\varepsilon_j\}$  ( $j=1, \dots, m$ ;  $\varepsilon_j = \pm 1$ ) such that*

$$(4) \quad \left| \sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j \right| < 2m^{1/2},$$

$$(5) \quad \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j \exp(-ik_j x) \right\|_{L_q(T)} < (8\pi)^{1/q} \tau^{-1/q} A_q m^{1/2},$$

where  $\tau = \int_{-2}^2 \exp(-y^2/2) dy$ .

**Proof.** It is known (see [3, p. 196]) that

$$2^{-m} \sum_{|m/2-j| < \sqrt{m}} C_m^j \rightarrow \tau \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let  $M$  be such that

$$(6) \quad 2^{-m} \sum_{|m/2-j| < \sqrt{m}} C_m^j > \tau/2 \quad \text{for } m > M.$$

By the Hinchin inequality

$$\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{j=1}^m r_j(t) \exp(-ik_j x) \right|^q dt < A_q^q m^{q/2} \quad \text{for } x \in T.$$

Integrating this inequality with respect to  $x$  from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$  and changing the order of integrations gives

$$(7) \quad \int_0^1 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{j=1}^m r_j(t) \exp(-ik_j x) \right|^q dx dt < A_q^q m^{q/2} 2\pi.$$

Applying the Chebyshev inequality in the outer integral of (7) yields

$$(8) \quad \left| \left\{ t \in [0, 1]: \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{j=1}^m r_j(t) \exp(-ik_j x) \right|^q dx > \frac{8A_q^q m^{q/2} \pi}{\tau} \right\} \right| < \frac{\tau}{4}.$$

Inequality (6) means that for  $m > M$  at least the  $\tau/2$ -th part of the whole collection of signs  $\{\varepsilon_j\}$  ( $j=1, \dots, m$ ) satisfies condition (4), and it follows from (8) that, in addition, only the  $\tau/4$ -th part of  $\{\varepsilon_j\}$  can fail to satisfy (5). Consequently, we can find a collection with the required properties. (Such collections make up at least the  $\tau/4$ -th part of all collections.)

Lemma 2 is proved.

Lemma 3. *Let the collection  $m_j$  ( $j=0, \dots, l$ ) satisfy the conditions*

$$(9) \quad m_0 > 2^l \cdot 200, \quad m_j/2 - m_j^{1/2} < m_{j+1} < m_j/2 + m_j^{1/2}, \quad j = 0, \dots, l-1.$$

Then

$$(10) \quad m_0 2^{-j} - 6m_0^{1/2} 2^{-j/2} < m_j < m_0 2^{-j} + 6m_0^{1/2} 2^{-j/2}, \quad j = 1, \dots, l.$$

Proof. Assume that (10) is proved for  $j=s$  ( $s \geq 0$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 2^{-(s+1)} - 3m_0^{1/2} 2^{-s/2} - (m_0 2^{-s} + 6m_0^{1/2} 2^{-s/2})^{1/2} &< m_{s+1} < \\ &< m_0 2^{-(s+1)} + 3m_0^{1/2} 2^{-s/2} + (m_0 2^{-s} + 6m_0^{1/2} 2^{-s/2})^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

By (9) for  $s < l$  we have

$$3m_0^{1/2} 2^{-s/2} + (m_0 2^{-s} + 6m_0^{1/2} 2^{-s/2})^{1/2} < 6m_0^{1/2} 2^{-(s+1)/2}$$

and Lemma 3 is proved.

It will be convenient to assume that  $M > 400$ , where  $M$  is the constant occurring in Lemma 2.

Lemma 4. *Let us given an elementary segment  $\Delta$  and a real number  $q > 2$ . Then for any integers  $N$  and  $l$  satisfying*

$$(11) \quad 2^N |\Delta| > 2^{l+1} M,$$

*the segment  $\Delta$  can be splitted into  $2^l$  parts  $T_j$  ( $j=0, \dots, 2^l-1$ ), which are the unions of elementary segments of rank  $N$  and such that*

$$(12) \quad \left\| \hat{\lambda}_\Delta - \hat{\lambda}_{T_j} \frac{|\Delta|}{|T_j|} \right\|_q = O(|\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q-1/2)+1/2} + |\Delta|^{-1/2} 2^{(l-N)/2} \|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta\|_q), \quad j = 0, \dots, 2^l-1.$$

Proof. Without restricting generality we can assume that 0 is the left endpoint of  $\Delta$ . Let  $N$  and  $l$  be integers satisfying (11). Applying Lemma 2 to the collection  $\Lambda = \{1, 2, \dots, 2^N |\Delta|\}$ , let  $\{\varepsilon^{(j)}\}$  denote the selected collection of signs. Let us de-

compose  $\Lambda$  into two parts  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\Lambda_1$ , where  $\Lambda_0$  is the set of indices corresponding to plus signs, and  $\Lambda_1$  is the same to minus signs in  $\{\varepsilon^{(j)}\}$ . Setting  $m_\sigma = |\Lambda_\sigma|$  ( $\sigma = 0, 1$ ),  $m = |\Lambda|$ , it follows from Lemma 2 that

$$m/2 - m^{1/2} < m_\sigma < m/2 + m^{1/2}, \quad \sigma = 0, 1.$$

Similarly to the first step, by the aid of Lemma 2 we can split every  $\Lambda_{\sigma_1}$  into two parts  $\Lambda_{\sigma_1\sigma_2}$  ( $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ ), where  $\Lambda_{\sigma_10}$  is the set of indices corresponding to plus signs in  $\{\varepsilon_{\sigma_1}^{(j)}\}$ , and  $\Lambda_{\sigma_11}$  is the same to minus signs in  $\{\varepsilon_{\sigma_1}^{(j)}\}$ ; and so on. In addition, we always have

$$1/2 m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s} - m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s}^{1/2} < m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{s+1}} < 1/2 m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s} + m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s}^{1/2} \quad (0 \leq s \leq l-1).$$

Each of the sequences  $m, m_{\sigma_1}, \dots, m_{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_l}$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 3, and therefore,

$$(13) \quad m2^{-l} - 6m^{1/2}2^{-l/2} < m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s} < m2^{-l} + 6m^{1/2}2^{-l/2}$$

and

$$M < m_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s} < m2^{-(s-1)}, \quad s = 1, \dots, l.$$

Let us fix an arbitrary collection  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_l$ . In order to simplify indices we write only  $s$  in place of  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s$ . Let  $\Lambda_s = \{k_s^{(j)}\}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m_s$ ), let  $\chi_s^{(j)}$  denote the characteristic function of the segment  $[k_s^{(j)}2^{-N}, (k_s^{(j)} + 1)2^{-N}]$ , and set

$$g_s(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_s} \chi_s^{(j)}(x), \quad g_0(x) = \chi_\Lambda(x).$$

We are going to estimate  $\|\hat{g}_s - 2\hat{g}_{s+1}\|_q$  ( $s = 0, \dots, l-1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{g}_s - 2\hat{g}_{s+1}\|_q^q &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m_s} \varepsilon_s^{(j)} \hat{\chi}_s^{(j)} \right\|_q^q = \left\| (\exp(-iy2^{-N}) - 1)/y \sum_{j=1}^{m_s} \varepsilon_s^{(j)} \exp(-ik_s^{(j)}y2^{-N}) \right\|_q^q = \\ &= 2^{N(1-q)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{m_s} \varepsilon_s^{(j)} \exp(-ik_s^{(j)}(t))(e^{-it} - 1)/t \right|^q dt \leq \\ &\leq 2^{N(1-q)} \int_T^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{m_s} \varepsilon_s^{(j)} \exp(-ik_s^{(j)}t) \right|^q dt 3 \left( \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r^{-q} \right) \leq \\ &\leq C 2^{N(1-q)} m_s^{q/2} < C m 2^{N(1-q) - (s-1)q/2}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(14) \quad \|\hat{g}_s - 2\hat{g}_{s+1}\|_q < C |\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q - 1/2) - s/2}.$$

Combining the estimates (14) for all  $s = 0, \dots, l-1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|2^l \hat{g}_l - \hat{g}_0\|_q &\leq \sum_{s=0}^{l-1} \|2^{s+1} \hat{g}_{s+1} - 2^s \hat{g}_s\|_q = \sum_{s=0}^{l-1} 2^s \|2\hat{g}_{s+1} - \hat{g}_s\|_q = \\ &= C |\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q - 1/2)} \sum_{s=0}^{l-1} 2^{s/2} = C |\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q - 1/2) + l/2}. \end{aligned}$$



Let  $\gamma = m/m_l$ . On account of (13) we can write that

$$-6(m^{1/2} + 6 \cdot 2^{l/2})^{-1} 2^{l/2} < \gamma 2^{-l} - 1 < 6(m^{1/2} - 6 \cdot 2^{l/2})^{-1} 2^{l/2},$$

or

$$(15) \quad |2^{-l}\gamma - 1| < 6(m^{1/2} - 6 \cdot 2^{l/2})^{-1} 2^{l/2} < 12|\Delta|^{-1/2} 2^{(l-N)/2}.$$

Now we estimate  $\|\hat{g}_0 - \gamma \hat{g}_l\|_q$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{g}_0 - \gamma \hat{g}_l\|_q &\leq \|\hat{g}_0 - 2^l \hat{g}_l\|_q + |1 - \gamma 2^{-l}| \|2 \hat{g}_l\|_q \leq \\ &\leq C|\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q-1/2)+l/2} + |1 - \gamma 2^{-l}| (\|\hat{g}_0\|_q + C|\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q-1/2)+l/2}). \end{aligned}$$

By (15) and (11) we obtain

$$\|\hat{g}_0 - \gamma \hat{g}_l\|_q < C(|\Delta|^{1/2} 2^{N(1/q-1/2)+l/2} + |\Delta|^{-1/2} 2^{(l-N)/2} \|\hat{g}_0\|_q).$$

Setting

$$T_j = \sum_{k \in A_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_l}} \Delta_k,$$

where

$$\Delta_k = [k2^{-N}, (k+1)2^{-N}], \quad j = \sum_{s=1}^l \sigma_s 2^{s-1}, \quad j = 0, \dots, 2^l - 1,$$

Lemma 4 is proved.

**Corollary to Lemma 4.** *Let us be given an elementary segment  $\Delta$ , real numbers  $q > 2$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and an integer  $l$ . Then for some  $N$  the segment  $\Delta$  can be splitted into disjoint subsets  $T_j$ , which are elementary segments of rank  $N$ , such that*

$$\|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta - \hat{\lambda}_{T_j}|\Delta|/|T_j|\|_q < \varepsilon, \quad j = 0, \dots, 2^l - 1.$$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\Delta$  be an elementary segment, and let  $q > 2$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and  $\alpha > 2/q$  be constants. Then for every sufficiently large number  $N$  there exists a collection  $\{\tau_j\}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, m$ ) of elementary segments of rank  $N$  such that*

$$(17) \quad m2^{-\alpha N} < |\Delta|,$$

$$(18) \quad \|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta - h \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{\lambda}_{\tau_j}\|_q < \varepsilon,$$

where

$$(19) \quad h = |\Delta| 2^N m^{-1}.$$

**Proof.** Applying Lemma 4 with  $|\Delta| 2^{\alpha N} > 8M$  and  $l = [N(1-\alpha)] + 1$ , we can take the collection  $\{\tau_j\}$  of segments of rank  $N$ , constituting any set  $T_s$  occurring in Lemma 4.

**Lemma 6.** *For every  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , let  $E_k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a compact set and let  $\mu_k \in M(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be a measure satisfying for some  $q > 2$  the following conditions:*

$$(I) E_{k+1} \subset E_k, \quad (II) \mu_k \in M(E_k), \quad (III) E_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^{m_k} e_j^{(k)},$$

the sets  $e_j^{(k)}$  are compact and  $|e_j^{(k)} \cap e_l^{(k)}| = 0$  if  $j \neq l$ ,

$$(IV) \quad \mu_0(E_0) = 1; \quad \mu_{k+1}(e_j^{(k)}) = \mu_k(e_j^{(k)}) > 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, m_k,$$

$$(V) \quad \text{diam } e_j^{(k)} < 2^{-k}, \quad j = 1, \dots, m_k,$$

$$(VI) \quad \|\hat{\mu}_k\|_q < C.$$

Then the sequence  $\{\mu_k\}$  weakly converges to a measure  $\mu$  satisfying

$$(20) \quad \mu \in M(E), \quad E = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} E_k,$$

$$(21) \quad \|\hat{\mu}\|_q < C.$$

**Proof.** First we prove that  $\{\mu_k\}$  is weakly convergent. Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\omega(f, \delta)$  denote the modulus of continuity of the restriction of  $f$  onto  $E_0$ . Let  $x_j^{(k)}$  be any representative of  $e_j^{(k)}$  ( $x_j^{(k)} \in e_j^{(k)}$ ). By (IV) and (V) it follows that if  $l > k$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu_k - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu_l \right| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \left( \int_{e_j^{(k)}} f d\mu_k - \int_{e_j^{(k)}} f d\mu_l \right) \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \left| \int_{e_j^{(k)}} (f(x) - f(x_j^{(k)})) d\mu_k - \int_{e_j^{(k)}} (f(x) - f(x_j^{(k)})) d\mu_l \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} 2\omega(f, 2^{-k}) \mu_k(e_j^{(k)}) = 2\omega(f, 2^{-k}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $E_0$  is bounded and closed, hence

$$\lim_{k, l \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu_k - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu_l \right| = 0.$$

Let us take now a continuous function  $f$  such that

$$\varrho(\text{supp } f, E) = \delta > 0.$$

By (IV) we infer that  $E_k$  is contained in the  $2^{-k}$ -neighbourhood of the set  $E$ , and therefore,  $\text{supp } f \cap E_k = \emptyset$  holds for  $k > |\log_2 \delta|$ . Consequently,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu_k = 0, \quad (\text{supp } f) \cap E = \emptyset,$$

which gives (20).

Let us examine the sequence of Fourier transforms of the measures  $\mu_k$  at the point  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$(22) \quad |\hat{\mu}_k(y) - \hat{\mu}(y)| < 2\omega(e^{-ixy}, 2^{-k}) < |y| 2^{1-k}.$$

By (22) it can be seen that  $\hat{\mu}_k(y)$  tends to  $\hat{\mu}(y)$  everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Applying Fatou's theorem to  $|\hat{\mu}_k(y)|^q$  we obtain (21). The proof of Lemma 6 is completed.

Let  $\Delta = [\alpha, \beta]$ . For any  $(0 < \theta < 1)$ ,  $\theta\Delta$  denotes the segment

$$\theta\Delta = [\alpha, \alpha + \theta(\beta - \alpha)],$$

which is the compression of  $\Delta$  by  $\theta$  with respect to the left endpoint. Simple calculation results in the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta - \hat{\lambda}_{\theta\Delta}/\theta\|_q &= \|(\exp(-i|\Delta|y) - 1)/iy - (\exp(-i\theta|\Delta|y) - 1)/\theta iy\|_q = \\ &= \|((1 - \theta)(1 - \exp(-i|\Delta|y))) - \exp(-i\theta|\Delta|y)(1 - \exp(-i(1 - \theta)|\Delta|y))\|_q / \theta < \\ &< C(p)|\Delta|^{1/p}(1 - \theta + (1 - \theta)^{1/p})/\theta. \end{aligned}$$

We shall use this estimate for  $\theta \in (1/2, 1)$  in the form

$$(25) \quad \left\| \hat{\lambda}_\Delta - \frac{1}{\theta} \hat{\lambda}_{\theta\Delta} \right\|_q < B_p |\Delta|^{1/p} (1 - \theta)^{1/p}.$$

In what follows  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  denotes a point of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 3.** *For every real  $q_0 \geq 2$  and integer  $n \geq 1$  there exists a continuous mapping from  $[0, 1]$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose graph is a  $p$ -Helson set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for every  $p > p_0$ , but which is not  $p$ -Helson for  $p < p_0$ .*

**Proof.** We construct sequences of sets  $E_k$  and measures  $\mu_k$  satisfying the conditions of Lemma 6 for any  $q > q_0$  and such that

- (a)  $E_k$  is composed of elementary cubes  $e_j^{(k)}$  with sides  $\delta_k$  and with point  $x_j^{(k)}$  closest to the zero ( $j = 1, \dots, m_k$ );
- (b) the measure  $\mu_k$  is given by the density function

$$p_k(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} h_j^{(k)} \chi_{e_j^{(k)}}(\mathbf{x});$$

- (c)  $m_{2l+1} \delta_{2l+1}^{n\alpha} \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\alpha = 2/q_0$ .

Let  $P_r(G)$  denote the projection of the set  $G$  onto the axis  $Ox_1$ . The sets  $E$  have to fulfil the relations

- (d)  $\varrho(P_r(E_{2l} \cap e_r^{(2l-1)}), P_r(E_{2l} \cap e_s^{(2l-1)})) \geq \delta_{2l}$ ,  
 $r, s = 1, \dots, m_{2l-1}; \quad l = 1, 2, \dots; \quad r \neq s.$

Set

$$\delta_0 = 1, \quad \mathbf{x}_1^{(0)} = (0, \dots, 0), \quad m_0 = 1, \quad h_1^{(0)} = 1.$$

Assume that  $E_j$  and  $\mu_j$  have been already constructed for every  $0 \leq j \leq k$ , where  $k$  is even. We take  $q_k = q_0 + 2^{-k}$  and  $\Delta = [0, \delta_k]$ . Let  $\|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta\|_{q_k}$  be denoted by  $\xi$  and choose a real  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} h_j^{(k)} \right) ((\xi + \varepsilon)^n - \xi^n) < 2^{-k}.$$

Applying Lemma 5 we fix a collection of elementary segments  $\tau_j$  of rank  $N$  ( $j=1, \dots, s$ ) satisfying the conditions

$$(27) \quad \delta_{k+1}^{\alpha} s < \delta_k, \quad \delta_{k+1} = 2^{-N};$$

$$(28) \quad \|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta(y) - \hat{\varrho}(y)\|_{q_k} < \varepsilon,$$

where

$$\varrho(x) = |\Delta| (s\delta_{k+1})^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^s \chi_{\tau_j}(x).$$

Introduce the following objects

$$\Psi(x) = \prod_{v=1}^n \varrho(x_v),$$

$$p_{k+1}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k+1)} \chi_{e_j^{(k+1)}}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k)} \Psi(x - x_j^{(k)}),$$

where  $e_j^{(k+1)}$  are cubes of rank  $N$  and  $E_{k+1} = \text{supp } p_{k+1}(x)$ .

It is clear from the construction that conditions (I)–(IV) hold, and (V) is also true because of  $s > 2$ . In addition,

$$(29) \quad m_{k+1} \delta_{k+1}^{\alpha n} = m_k s^n \delta_{k+1}^{\alpha n} < m_k \delta_k^n,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{p}_{k+1} - \hat{p}_k\|_{q_k} &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} h_j^{(k)} \exp(-ix_j^{(k)} y) \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\varrho}(y_v) - \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k)} \exp(-ix_j^{(k)} y) \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\lambda}_\Delta(y_v) \right\|_q \leq \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} h_j^{(k)} \right) \left\| \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\varrho}(y_v) - \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\lambda}_\Delta(y_v) \right\|_{q_k} \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} h_j^{(k)} \right) ((\xi + \varepsilon)^n - \xi^n) < 2^{-k}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we describe the construction of  $E_{k+2}$  and  $\mu_{k+2}$ . Let  $\Delta = [0, \delta_{k+1}]$ ,  $q_{k+1} = q_0 + 2^{-(k+1)}$ ,  $l = [\log_2 m_{k+1}] + 1$ ,  $\xi = \|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta\|_{q_{k+1}}$ , and let a real  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfy the condition

$$(30) \quad \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k+1)} \right) ((\xi + 2\varepsilon)^n - \varepsilon^n) < 2^{-(k+2)}.$$

By Corollary to Lemma 4 the segment  $\Delta$  can be splitted into  $2^l$  disjoint subsets  $T_j$  ( $j=1, \dots, 2^l$ ) such that

$$T_j = \bigcup_{v=1}^{s_j} \tau_v^{(j)},$$

where  $\tau_v^{(j)}$  is an elementary segment of rank  $N$  and

$$\|\hat{\lambda}_\Delta - \alpha_j \hat{\lambda}_{T_j}\|_{q_{k+1}} < \varepsilon,$$

where  $\alpha_j = |\Delta| 2^N / s_j$  is a normalizing coefficient.

Let  $\Theta = 1 - 2^{-r}$ , where  $r$  is an integer satisfying

$$B_p 2^{-(r+N)/p_{k+1}} < \varepsilon \left( \max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^l} \alpha_j s_j \right)^{-1}.$$



Then by (25) we get that

$$\left\| \hat{\lambda}_\tau - \frac{1}{\theta} \hat{\lambda}_{\theta\tau} \right\|_{q_{k+1}} < \varepsilon \left( \max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^l} \alpha_j s_j \right)^{-1}$$

holds for every elementary segment  $\tau$  of rank  $N$ . Let  $\theta T_j$  stand for the set

$$\theta T_j \equiv \bigcup_{v=1}^{s_j} \theta \tau_v^{(j)}.$$

Let us introduce the functions

$$\psi_j(x) = \frac{\alpha_j}{\theta} \chi_{\theta T_j}(x), \quad \Psi_j(x) = \prod_{v=1}^n \psi_j(x_v),$$

and set

$$p_{k+2}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+2}} h_j^{(k+2)} \chi_{e_j^{(k+2)}}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k+1)} \Psi_j(x - x_j^{(k+1)}),$$

$e^{(k+2)}$  being a cube of rank  $Nr$ ,  $E_{k+2} = \text{supp } p_{k+2}(x)$ ,  $\delta_{k+2} = 2^{-Nr}$ , and  $x_j^{(k+2)}$  is the point closest to zero in  $e^{(k+2)}$ . Condition (d) is implied by the fact that the distance between the supports of any two different functions  $\psi_j(x)$  is not less than  $2^{-Nr}$ . It can be also seen from the construction that

$$(32) \quad m_{k+2} \delta_{k+2}^n < m_{k+1} \delta_{k+1}^n,$$

that is by (29),

$$m_{k+1} \delta_{k+1}^n < m_{k-1} \delta_{k-1}^n$$

( $k$  is positive and even), whence (c) follows. Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\psi}_j - \hat{\lambda}_\Delta\|_{q_{k+1}} &\equiv \|\alpha_j \hat{\lambda}_{T_j} - \hat{\lambda}_\Delta\|_{q_{k+1}} + \left\| \alpha_j \hat{\lambda}_{T_j} - \frac{\alpha_j}{\theta} \hat{\lambda}_{\theta T_j} \right\|_{q_{k+1}} \equiv \\ &\equiv \varepsilon + \left( \max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^l} \alpha_j s_j \right) \left\| \hat{\lambda}_\tau - \frac{1}{\theta} \hat{\lambda}_{\theta\tau} \right\|_{q_{k+1}} < 2\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau$  is an elementary segment of rank  $N$ . By the last inequality and (30) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{p}_{k+2} - \hat{p}_{k+1}\|_{q_{k+1}} &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k+1)} \exp(-ix_j^{(k+1)} y) \left( \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\psi}_j(y_v) - \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\lambda}_\Delta(y_v) \right) \right\|_{q_{k+1}} \equiv \\ &\equiv \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k+1)} \right) \left\| \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\psi}_j(y_v) - \prod_{v=1}^n \hat{\lambda}_\Delta(y_v) \right\|_{q_{k+1}} < \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k+1}} h_j^{(k+1)} \right) ((\xi + 2\varepsilon)^n - \xi^n) < 2^{-(k+2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, conditions (I)–(V) of Lemma 6 have been verified.

Now we estimate the norm  $\|\hat{\mu}_k\|_q$  for  $q > q_0$ . Take a number  $k_0$  such that  $q_{k_0} < q$ , and let  $k > k_0$ . Since  $\|\hat{\mu}_k\| = 1$ , we infer that  $\|\hat{\mu}_k - \hat{\mu}_{k+1}\|_C \leq 2$ . Then

$$\|\hat{\mu}_k - \hat{\mu}_{k+1}\|_q \leq \|\hat{\mu}_k - \hat{\mu}_{k+1}\|_{q_k}^{q_k/q} 2^{1-q_k/q} < 2^{1-kq_0/q},$$

$$\|\hat{\mu}_k\|_q < \|\hat{\mu}_{k_0}\|_q + \sum_{s=k_0}^{k-1} \|\hat{\mu}_s - \hat{\mu}_{s+1}\|_q < \|\hat{\mu}_{k_0}\|_q + \sum_{s=k_0}^{\infty} 2^{1-sq_0/q} = C(q).$$

Moreover,  $\hat{\mu}_{k_0} \in L_q(\mathbf{R}^n)$  for any  $q > 1$ . So, condition (VI) is also proved.

Thus, the sequence of measures  $\mu_k$  weakly converges to a measure  $\mu$  such that

$$\text{supp } \mu \subseteq E = \bigcap_k E_k, \quad \|\hat{\mu}\|_q < C(q)$$

for any  $q > q_0$ . This means that the set  $E$  together with any set containing  $E$  is not  $p$ -Helson for  $p < p_0$ . At the same time, it follows from (c) that for  $q < q_0$  and odd  $k$  we have

$$m_k^{1/2} d_k^{n/q} = (m_k d_k^{n\alpha})^{1/2} d_k^{(1/q - 1/q_0)n} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Consequently, by Lemma 1 we infer that for every  $p > p_0$

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{\lambda}_{E_k}\|_p = 0;$$

hence

$$(34) \quad \beta_p(E) = 0.$$

We remark that (c) and (V) also imply that  $\dim E \leq 2n/q_0$ ; whence, by Theorem 1, it follows that  $\dim E = 2n/q_0$ .

Let us consider the set  $F = Pr(E)$ . By (d) we infer that for any two points  $x', x'' \in F$ , the inequality  $q(x', x'') < d_{2l}$  implies that the inverse images belong to the same cube  $e_j^{(2l-1)}$ . Since  $d_{2l} \rightarrow 0$  and the set  $E$  is closed, the mapping  $x \rightarrow Pr(x)$  is one-to-one and continuous between  $F$  and  $E$ . Let the inverse mapping  $Pr^{-1}: F \rightarrow E$  be denoted by  $f$ . The function  $f$  defined on the closed set  $F \subset [0, 1]$  is continuous. We extend  $f(x)$  in a standard way to a continuous function given on the whole interval  $[0, 1]$  by linear interpolation on the intervals adjacent to  $F$ . The graph of the function

$$f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

can be obtained from  $F$  by supplementing countably many disjoint intervals. It was shown in [2] that  $\beta_p(\tau) = 0$  ( $p > 1$ ) for any finite interval  $\tau \in \mathbf{R}^2$ . The same is true for any one-dimensional interval  $\tau$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  for  $n > 2$ , as well. To see this it is enough to take  $\delta$ -neighbourhoods  $V_\delta$  of the interval  $\tau$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Then

$$(35) \quad \|\hat{\lambda}_{V_\delta}\|_p = O(\delta^{(n-1)/q}),$$

and by (34), (35) it follows that  $\beta_p(\Gamma_f) = 0$  ( $p > p_0$ ).

We note that for  $q_0 < 2n$  the Hausdorff dimension of the curve we have constructed will be the same as the one of the set  $E$ , that is  $2n/q_0$ . The proof of Theorem 3 is complete.

Finally, we turn to the proof of Theorem 4. It is well-known (see, for example, [1]) that the Hilbert transform

$$\mathcal{H}f(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{f(y)}{x-y} dy$$

(the integral is understood in Cauchy's sense of principal value) is a bounded operator from  $L_p(\mathbf{R})$  into itself ( $1 < p < \infty$ ). Let  $\mathcal{U}_v$  denote the operator of multiplication by the function  $\exp(-ivx)$  ( $v, x \in \mathbf{R}$ ):

$$\mathcal{U}_v f(x) = \exp(-ivx) f(x).$$

We shall need the operator  $\mathcal{L}$  of convolution with the function

$$\psi(y) = \hat{\lambda}_T(y) = 2 \sin \pi y / y.$$

The operator  $\mathcal{L}$  can be expressed in terms of the operators  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{U}_v$  in the following way:

$$\mathcal{L} = i(\mathcal{U}_\pi \mathcal{H} \mathcal{U}_{-\pi} - \mathcal{U}_{-\pi} \mathcal{H} \mathcal{U}_\pi);$$

whence it can be seen that  $\mathcal{L}$  is also a bounded operator acting from  $L_p(\mathbf{R})$  into  $L_p(\mathbf{R})$ . We show that the operators  $\mathcal{U}_v$  act from  $A_p(T^n)$  into  $A_p(T^n)$ .

**Lemma 7.** *For any  $p \in (1, \infty)$  there exists a constant  $\alpha_p$  such that for every  $n \geq 1$*

$$(36) \quad \sup_{v \in \mathbf{R}^n} \|\mathcal{U}_v f\|_{A_p(T^n)} < \alpha_p^n \|f\|_{A_p(T^n)}.$$

**Proof.** First let  $n=1$ . We have that

$$(\widehat{\mathcal{U}_v f}(k)) = (\hat{f}(k)) * (\psi(v+k)).$$

Let us decompose the function  $\psi$  into the sum  $\psi(y) = \psi_1(y) + \psi_2(y)$ , where

$$\psi_1(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \in [-1, 1), \\ 2 \sin \pi y / [y], & y \notin [-1, 1). \end{cases}$$

Then

$$(37) \quad (\widehat{\mathcal{U}_v f}(k)) = (\hat{f}(k)) * (\psi_1(v+k)) + (\hat{f}(k)) * (\psi_2(v+k)).$$

Fix  $v$  and set

$$(a_k^{(j)}) = (\hat{f}(k)) * (\psi_j(v+k)), \quad j = 1, 2.$$

Consider  $(a_k^{(2)})$ . The absolute value of  $\psi_2(y)$  can be estimated as

$$|\psi_2(y)| < 4/(y^2 + 1).$$

Therefore,

$$(38) \quad \left( \sum_k |a_k^{(2)}|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_k |\hat{f}(k)|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_k \frac{4}{(v+k)^2+1} \right) < 20\pi \|f\|_{A_p(T)}.$$

Now we estimate  $\|(a_k^{(1)})\|_p^k$ . Observe that the  $l_p$ -norm of the sequence  $(a_k^{(1)})$  does not depend on the integral part of  $v$ . It will be convenient to assume that  $[v]=0$ . We can write

$$(39) \quad a_k^{(1)} = \sum_{m \neq k, k+1} 2\hat{f}(m) \frac{\sin \pi(v+k-m)}{k-m} = (-1)^k 2 \sin \pi v \sum_{m \neq k, k+1} (-1)^m \frac{\hat{f}(m)}{k-m}.$$

Let  $A_k$  denote the value

$$A_k = 2 \sum_{m \neq k, k+1} \frac{(-1)^m \hat{f}(m)}{k-m}.$$

By (39) it follows that

$$(40) \quad \left( \sum_k |a_k^{(1)}|^p \right)^{1/p} = |\sin \pi v| \left( \sum_k |A_k|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Consider the function  $\varrho(y) \in L_p(\mathbf{R})$ :

$$\varrho(y) = \sum_k \hat{f}(k) \chi_{[-1/8, 1/8]}(y-k).$$

Since the operators of convolution by  $\psi$  and the summable functions  $\psi_2$  act from  $L_p(\mathbf{R})$  into  $L_p(\mathbf{R})$ , by (37) we infer that

$$\|\psi_1 * \varrho\|_p < C \|\varrho\|_p$$

holds for some constant  $C$  depending only on  $p$ . On the other hand, for  $y \in [k+3/8, k+5/8]$  ( $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi_1 * \varrho)(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_1(y-x) \varrho(x) dx = \sum_m \hat{f}(m) \int_{m-1/8}^{m+1/8} \psi_1(y-x) dx = \\ &= \sum_{m \neq k, k+1} \hat{f}(m) \int_{m-1/8}^{m+1/8} \frac{2 \sin \pi(y-x)}{k-m} dx = A_k \int_{-1/8}^{1/8} \sin \pi(y-x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

moreover,

$$\left| \int_{-1/8}^{1/8} \sin \pi(y-x) dx \right| > 1/\pi \sqrt{2}.$$

Defining  $E$  by

$$E = \bigcup_k [k+3/8, k+5/8],$$

we have

$$C^p \|\varrho\|_p^p > \|\psi_1 * \varrho\|_p^p > \int_E |(\psi_1 * \varrho)(y)|^p dy \geq \left( \sum_k |A_k|^p \right) \pi^{-p} 2^{-(p/2+2)}.$$



Hence we have proved that

$$(41) \quad \left( \sum_k |A_k|^p \right)^{1/p} < C \pi^{2^{1/2} + 2/p} \|f\|_{A_p(T)}.$$

Combining (37), (38), (40) and (41) we get

$$(42) \quad \|U_v f\|_{A_p(T)} \leq \alpha_p \|f\|_{A_p(T)}.$$

Now we turn to the multidimensional case. Let us introduce the following collection of auxiliary operators  $U_v^{(j)}$  ( $j=1, \dots, n$ ):

$$U_v^{(j)} f(x) = \exp(-iv_j x_j) f(x).$$

Then

$$(43) \quad U_v f = U_v^{(1)} U_v^{(2)} \dots U_v^{(n)} f.$$

Let us fix an arbitrary number  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ). Let  $J_k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ) denote the set

$$J_k = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n : m_s = k_s, s \neq j\}.$$

We have

$$\widehat{U_v^{(j)} f}(k) = \sum_{m \in J_k} \hat{f}(m) \psi(k_j + v_j - m_j),$$

and by (42) it follows that

$$(44) \quad \|U_v^{(j)} f\|_{A_p(T^n)} < \alpha_p \|f\|_{A_p(T^n)}.$$

Combining (43) and (44) gives the required inequality.

Lemma 7 is proved.

Corollary to Lemma 7. Let  $f \in A_p(T^n)$ . Then

$$\|f \chi_{T^n}\|_{A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \alpha_p^n \|f\|_{A_p(T^n)}.$$

Proof. We shall use the notation

$$I = [0, 1], \quad g(x) = f(x) \chi_{T^n}(x).$$

Fix  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider the decomposition  $y = k + v$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $[v_j] = 0$  ( $j=1, \dots, n$ ). We have

$$\hat{g}(y) = \int_{T^n} f(x) e^{-ixv} e^{-ikx} dx = \widehat{U_v f}(k).$$

Then

$$\|\hat{g}(y)\|_p^p = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \int_{I^n} |\widehat{U_v f}(k)|^p dv = \int_{I^n} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} |\widehat{U_v f}(k)|^p \right) dv < \alpha_p^{np} \|f\|_{A_p(T^n)}^p.$$

The following argument approximately repeats the course of the proof of Wiener's theorem in [4, p. 20].

Proof of Theorem 4. Let us take an arbitrary function  $f \in A_p(T^n)$ . On account of Lemma 7 we get

$$f|_{T^n} \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Assume now that  $\text{supp } f \subseteq T^n$ ,  $f \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and verify that the extension of  $f$ ,  $2\pi$ -periodic in each coordinate, belongs to  $A_p(T^n)$ . In fact,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \int_{T^n} |\hat{f}(\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{k})|^p d\mathbf{y} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{f}(\mathbf{y})|^p d\mathbf{y} < \infty;$$

application of Beppo Levi's theorem implies the existence of a point  $\mathbf{y}_0$  such that

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^n} |\hat{f}(\mathbf{y}_0 + \mathbf{k})|^p < \infty.$$

As we have

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{y}_0 + \mathbf{k}) = \int_{T^n} f(\mathbf{x}) e^{-i\mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x},$$

the  $2\pi$ -periodic extension of the function  $g(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) \exp(-i\mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{x})$  belongs to  $A_p(T^n)$ . Since

$$f = \mathcal{U}_{-\mathbf{y}_0} g,$$

we obtain by Lemma 7 that

$$\|f\|_{A_p(T^n)} < \alpha_p^n \|g\|_{A_p(T^n)} < \infty.$$

Theorem 4 is proved.

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О  $p$ -хелсоновских множествах в  $\mathbb{R}^n$ 

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В статье изучаются метрические характеристики  $p$ -хелсоновских множеств. Замкнутое множество  $E$  из  $\mathbb{R}^n$  называется  $p$ -хелсоновским, если любая функция  $f \in C(E)$  может быть непрерывно продолжена до функции класса  $A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Показано, что если хаусдорфова размерность компакта  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  есть  $2nq_0$ , то  $E$  —  $p$ -хелсоновское множество для всякого  $p > q_0(q_0 - 1)$ . Этот результат не может быть улучшен: для любых  $q_0 > 2$  и  $n \geq 1$  существует компакт  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  хаусдорфовой размерности  $2nq_0$ , не являющийся  $p$ -хелсоновским множеством при  $p < p_0$ .

Доказано также, что если  $\text{supp } f \subseteq [-\pi, \pi]^n$ , то функция  $f$  принадлежит классу  $A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  тогда и только тогда, когда она принадлежит классу  $A_p([- \pi, \pi]^n)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ).

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# A test of convergence of Fourier series with respect to multiplicative systems, analogous to the Jordan test

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## Introduction

I. A group of sequences  $G$  and the variation of functions on it. Let  $p_0 = 1$ ,  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of integers such that  $p_n \geq 2$ ,  $m_n = \prod_{k=1}^n p_k$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ),

$$G = \{\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty: x_n = 0, 1, \dots, p_n - 1\}$$

a group with the operation  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty + \{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty = \{(x_n + y_n) \bmod p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $-$  its inverse operation. The map  $G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$$(1) \quad G \ni x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \rightarrow |x| = \sum_{n=1}^\infty (x_n/m_n) \in [0, 1]$$

is bijective everywhere except the points

$$(2) \quad |x| = \frac{l}{m_n} \in ]0, 1[; \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, m_n - 1; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Points of the form (2) have two preimages in  $G$ , one of which is finite, i.e., all but finitely many elements of the sequence are 0. The finite preimage of  $\frac{l}{m_n}$  in  $G$  will be denoted by  $\frac{l}{m_n} +$ , and the infinite one by  $\frac{l}{m_n} -$ .

We also introduce the notations:

$$G_n = \left[0, \frac{1}{m_n} -\right] = \left\{x \in G: 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{m_n} -\right\} = \\ = \{x = \{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty: x_k = 0 \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}, \quad G_{l,n} = \frac{l}{m_n} + G_n = \left[\frac{l}{m_n}, \frac{l+1}{m_n} -\right];$$

here  $C(G)$  is the set of continuous (with respect to the topology of the group  $G$  (see e.g. [1, p. 18])) functions, where by functions we shall mean maps of  $G$  into the set  $C$  of complex numbers.

It is clear that

$$(3) \quad x \div G_n = x \div G_n = \tilde{x}_n \div G_n = \left[ \tilde{x}_n, \left( \tilde{x}_n + \frac{1}{m_n} \right) \right],$$

where  $\tilde{x}_n \in G$  is a  $\{p_n\}$ -rational point (i.e., all but finitely many  $x_k$  are 0) such that

$$(4) \quad |\tilde{x}_n| = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k}{m_k}$$

( $|x|$  is defined by formula (1)).

**II. Multiplicative system of Price.** Consider the following system of functions

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_0(x) &\equiv 1; \\ \psi_m(x) &= \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i l}{p_{k+1}}\right) \quad \text{if } x \in G_{l,k+1}; \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, m_{k+1}-1; \quad k = 0, 1, \dots; \\ \psi_n(x) &= \prod_{k=0}^s (\psi_{m_k}(x))^{a_k} \quad \text{if } n = \sum_{k=0}^s a_k m_k; \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_k$  and  $s$  are integers,  $0 \leq a_k < p_{k+1}$ , and  $a_s \neq 0$ .

This is a complete orthonormal system and the partial sums of the corresponding Fourier series (see [8, 3. II.]) are

$$S_n(x, f) = \int_G f(x \div t) D_n(t) dt = \int_G f(t) D_n(x \div t) dt = \int_G f(t) \overline{D_n(t \div x)} dt,$$

where  $D_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \psi_k(t)$  is the Dirichlet kernel.

The following equalities are well-known (see [4, Lemma 3] and [8, 2.2]):

$$(5) \quad D_n(x) = \frac{1 - (\psi_{m_s}(x))^{a_s}}{1 - \psi_{m_s}(x)} D_{m_s}(x) + (\psi_{m_s}(x))^{a_s} D_{n'}(x) \quad \text{for any } x \in G,$$

where  $n = a_s m_s + n'$ ;  $a_s$  and  $n'$  are integers,  $1 \leq a_s < p_{s+1}$  and  $0 \leq n' < m_s$ ;

$$(6) \quad D_{m_k}(x) = m_k \quad \text{if } x \in G_k, \quad \text{and } D_{m_k}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in G - G_k.$$

The following two statements are known (see e.g. [7, Lemma 1, 2]).

**Lemma 1.** If  $n = \sum_{j=k}^s a_j m_j + n^{(k)}$ , where  $a_j$ ,  $n^{(k)}$ , and  $s$  are integers such that  $0 \leq a_j < p_{j+1}$ ,  $a_s \neq 0$  and  $0 \leq n^{(k)} < m_k$ , then for every  $x \in G - G_k$  we have

$$D_n(x) = D_{n^{(k)}}(x) \psi_{n-n^{(k)}}(x).$$

**Lemma 2.** If  $n \geq m_k$  and  $l = 1, 2, \dots, m_k - 1$ , then

$$\int_{G_{l,k}} D_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{G - G_k} D_n(x) dx = \sum_{l=1}^{m_k-1} \int_{G_{l,k}} D_n(x) dx = 0.$$

Lemma 3. For any integers  $k$  and  $n$  the following inequality holds:

$$0 \leq \int_{G_k - G_{k+1}} D_n(t) dt \leq 1.$$

In particular, the value of this integral is real.

Proof. If  $n \geq m_{k+1}$ , then from Lemma 2 we have

$$\int_{G_k - G_{k+1}} D_n(t) dt = \sum_{l=1}^{p_{k+1}-1} \int_{G_{l,k+1}} D_n(t) dt = 0.$$

If  $n < m_{k+1}$ , then  $D_n(t) = n$  for  $t \in G_{k+1}$ , since  $\psi_j(t) = 1$  when  $j < n < m_{k+1}$ , and  $t \in G_{k+1}$  and  $D_n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \psi_j(t)$ . So,  $\int_{G_{k+1}} D_n(t) dt = \frac{n}{m_{k+1}}$  (similarly

$$\int_{G_{l+1}} D_n(t) dt = \frac{n}{m_{l+1}} \quad \text{for } n < m_{l+1} \quad (l = 1, 2, \dots, k))$$

and then using the equality  $\int_G D_n(t) dt = 1$  for any integer  $n$  (by Lemma 2,

$$\int_{G_k} D_n(t) dt = \int_G D_n(t) dt - \int_{G - G_k} D_n(t) dt = 1 \quad \text{holds if } n \geq m_k),$$

we have

$$\int_{G_k - G_{k+1}} D_n(t) dt = \int_{G_k} D_n(t) dt - \int_{G_{k+1}} D_n(t) dt = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{m_k} - \frac{n}{m_{k+1}} & \text{if } n < m_k, \\ 1 - \frac{n}{m_{k+1}} & \text{if } m_k \leq n < m_{k+1}. \end{cases}$$

The case  $n < m_k$  can be treated analogously. Lemma 3 is proved.

III. The function  $q(t)$  and an estimate of the Dirichlet kernel. Put

$$G_{n,+} = \bigcup_{l=1}^{b_n} G_{l,n+1}, \quad G_{n,-} = \bigcup_{l=a_n}^{p_{n+1}-1} G_{l,n+1},$$

where

$$(7) \quad b_n = \left[ \frac{p_{n+1}}{2} \right], \quad a_n = \left[ \frac{p_{n+1}+1}{2} \right],$$

and  $[y]$  means the integral part of  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It is clear that, for  $(n=1, 2, \dots)$ ,  $G_{n,+} \cup G_{n,-} = G_n - G_{n+1}$  and

$$G_n \cap G_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } p \text{ is odd,} \\ G_{\frac{p_{n+1}}{2}, n+1} & \text{if } p_{n+1} \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

On  $G - \{0\}$  we define the function

$$q(x) = \frac{m_n}{\sin \frac{\pi l}{p_{n+1}}} \quad \text{if } x \in G_{l,n+1}, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, p_{n+1} - 1; \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

In [7, p. 135] the following relations are proved:

$$(8) \quad c_1 \ln p_{n+1} \leq \int_{G_n - G_{n+1}} q(t) dt \leq c_2 \ln p_{n+1} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots),$$

where  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2$  are constants and

$$(9) \quad m_n \leq q(x) \leq m_{n+1}/2 \quad \text{if } x \in G_n - G_{n+1}.$$

In [6, Theorem 1] the following estimate is obtained: for every integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $x \in G - \{0\}$

$$(10) \quad |D_n(x)| \leq 2q(x).$$

A simple consequence of (9) and (10) is the following (proved in [8, 3.6.]): for every integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and  $t \in G - G_k$ ,

$$(11) \quad |D_n(t)| \leq m_k.$$

### § 1. Some lemmas on the variation of functions

Let  $P_k = \{x = \{x_k\}_{n=1}^\infty \in G : x_k = 0 \text{ or } x_k = p_k - 1\}$  (the coordinates of  $\{x_k\}_{n=1}^\infty \in P_k$  other than the  $k$ -th one are arbitrary). Then

$$(12) \quad P_k = \left[0, \frac{1}{m_k} - \right] \cup \left[1 - \frac{1}{m_k}, 1\right] \cup \left( \bigcup_{l=1}^{m_k-1} \left[ \frac{l}{m_{k-1}} - \frac{1}{m_k}; \left( \frac{l}{m_{k-1}} + \frac{l}{m_k} \right) - \right] \right).$$

From equation (12) it follows easily that

$$(13) \quad \mu(P_k) = 2/p_k,$$

where  $\mu(E)$  denotes the measure of the measurable set  $E \subset G$ .

Put  $P = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} P_k = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \bigcap_{k=n}^\infty P_k$ . (13) implies that

$$(14) \quad \mu(P) \leq 2/\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n,$$

and if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \infty$ , then  $\mu(P) = 0$ .  $P$  is the set of all points  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in G$  for which the coordinates  $x_k$  are 0 or  $p_k = 1$  except finitely many of them. Set

$$(15) \quad Q = G - P.$$



Then for every point  $x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in Q$  one can find an increasing sequence of integers  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , depending on  $x \in Q$ , such that  $x_{n_k} \neq 0$  and  $x_{n_k} \neq p_{n_k} - 1$ . It follows from (14) and (15) that

$$(16) \quad \mu(Q) \cong 1 - \frac{2}{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n},$$

and if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \infty$ , then  $\mu(Q) = \mu(G) = 1$ .

Note that  $P = G$  and  $Q = \emptyset$  in the case  $p_n \equiv 2$ .

Just as in the case of the interval  $[a, b] \subset [0, 1]$  (see e.g. [3, p. 202]) we define the variation of the function  $f(x)$  on the set  $E \subset G$  in the following way:

$$(17) \quad V(E) = V(E, f) = \sup_{\substack{y_1, \dots, y_n \in E \\ y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |f(y_{k+1}) - f(y_k)|.$$

Let  $V(G)$  be the set of functions of bounded variation on  $G$  and  $CV(G) = C(G) \cap V(G)$ . We have

Lemma 4. For any point  $x \in Q$ , the inequality

$$(18) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(x \dagger (G_n - G_{n+1}), f) \cong \left| \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow x \\ t > x}} f(t) - \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow x \\ t < x}} f(t) \right|$$

is satisfied under the condition that all quantities in (18) exist.

Proof. Set  $l_1 = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow x \\ t > x}} f(t)$  and  $l_2 = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow x \\ t < x}} f(t)$ .

Let  $x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . Since  $x \in Q$ , there exists a sequence of integers  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  such that  $1 \leq x_{n_k} \leq p_{n_k} - 2$  because  $x_{n_k} \neq 0$  and  $x_{n_k} \neq p_{n_k}$ . So,

$$(19) \quad \tilde{x}_{n_k-1} < \tilde{x}_{n_k} < x < (\tilde{x}_{n_k} + 1/m_{n_k}) - < (\tilde{x}_{n_k-1} + 1/m_{n_k-1}) - ,$$

where  $\tilde{x}_{n_k}$  is determined by formula (4).

By (3) we have

$$(20) \quad \tilde{x}_{n_k} - \in x \dagger (G_{n_k-1} - G_{n_k}) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{x}_{n_k} + \frac{1}{m_{n_k}} \in x \dagger (G_{n_k-1} - G_{n_k}).$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there exists  $N$  such that for any integer  $k \geq N$  the following inequalities hold (see (19)):

$$(21) \quad |f(\tilde{x}_{n_k}) - l_2| < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \left| f\left(\tilde{x}_{n_k} + \frac{1}{m_{n_k}}\right) - l_1 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

From (20) and (21) we get

$$\begin{aligned} V(x + (G_{n_k-1} - G_{n_k})) &\cong \left| f\left(\tilde{x}_{n_k} + \frac{1}{m_{n_k}}\right) - f(\tilde{x}_{n_k} -) - l_1 + (l_1 - l_2) + l_2 \right| \cong \\ &\cong |l_1 - l_2| - \left| f\left(\tilde{x}_{n_k} + \frac{1}{m_{n_k}}\right) - l_1 \right| - |f(\tilde{x}_{n_k} -) - l_2| > |l_1 - l_2| - 2\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4 is proved.

Consequently, if at a point  $x \in Q$  we have

$$V(x + (G_n - G_{n+1}), f) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{then } l = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(t)$$

exists, so that  $x$  is either a point of continuity of  $f(t)$  or  $f(t)$  has a removable discontinuity in  $x$ .

Since

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow l/m_n \\ t < l/m_n}} f(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow l/m_n \\ t > l/m_n}} f(t)$$

are not defined, the following is true.

**Lemma 5.** *Every discontinuity of the first kind of the function  $f(t)$  is removable at any  $\{p_n\}$ -rational point  $x \in G$  (that is, at a point of the form (2) and also at  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ ).*

## § 2. Main theorems and their consequences

**I. Jordan test for pointwise and uniform convergence.** Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer and  $f(t) \in V(G)$ .

**Theorem 1.** 1) *If  $f(t)$  is continuous at a point  $x \in G$ , then the following inequality is true:*

$$(22) \quad |S_n(x; f) - f(x)| \leq 2c_2 V(x + (G_k - G_{k+1}), f) \ln p_{k+1} + o(1), \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where the constant  $c_2$  is determined by (8) and the integers  $n$  and  $k$  satisfy

$$(23) \quad m_k \leq n < m_{k+1}.$$

2) *If  $f(t) \in CV(G)$ , then (22) holds uniformly on  $G$ .*

The following statement follows easily from Theorem 1.